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Security Information

THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

25X1A REFERENCE: CIA Regulation dated 5 November 1951

1. The Central Intelligence Agency will make use of the Medal of Freedom as an award secondary to the National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement. Recommendations for the award of the Medal of Freedom may be forwarded to the CIA Honor Awards Board by the appropriate Assistant Director or Office Head to recognize a meritorious act or service which "(1) has aided the United States in the prosecution of a war against an enemy or enemies, (2) has aided any nation engaged with the United States in the prosecution of a war against a common enemy or enemies, or (3) during any period of national emergency declared by the President or Congress to exist, has furthered the interests of the security of the United States or of any nation allied or associated with the United States during such period, and for which act or service the award of any other United States medal or decoration is considered inappropriate".

2. Executive Order 10336, 3 April 1952 announces re-establishment of the Medal of Freedom and publishes the conditions under which it may be awarded. Among other provisions Executive Order 10336 permits the head of any department or agency to recommend to the Secretary of Defense the award of the Medal of Freedom. It also prohibits the award of the Medal of Freedom to a citizen of the United States for any act or service performed within the continental limits of the United States or to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The Medal of Freedom, therefore, becomes available for award to certain personnel of this Agency whose performance meets the standards set forth in Executive Order 10336.

3. Establishment of the CIA Honor Awards Board requires that Section A of reference regulation be rescinded in order that all recommendations for awards to recognize outstanding performance in furtherance of the CIA mission be submitted to the CIA Honor Awards Board for action. Sections B and C of reference regulation announcing availability of the Medal for Merit and the Medal of Freedom must also be rescinded as authority for award of the Medal for Merit expired in 1947, although the Medal of Freedom was re-established in 1952.

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